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Response to First Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

Claims 1-33 remain in prosecution. Claims 1-33 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Applicant wishes to continue prosecuting claims 1-14 and 25-33, drawn to a composition of matter and a nonaqueous gel product, classified in class 106, subclass 11.

Applicant wishes to cancel claims 15-24, drawn to a method for increasing rest viscosity and a method for increasing the viscosity of mineral oil respectively, classified in class 514, subclass 772.1, *without prejudice*.

If the examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, she is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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